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Applicant submits this supplemental statement in accordance with his duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97-1.98. This supplemental statement is filed in

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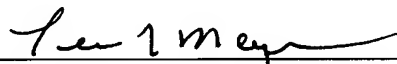
accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3).

On March 27, 2006 Applicant received a written opinion from the United States PCT Office dated March 23, 2006, in regard to the corresponding PCT Application US04/31873 filed by Applicant on September 29, 2004. The above mentioned written opinion included three references, two of which were not disclosed by the Applicant in the originally filed IDS. Therefore, Applicant diligently submits copies of the references of the cited art immediately after learning of their existence.

The Applicant and/or the attorney of record in the instant case do not consider either of these new references relevant to the claimed invention. These references are submitted solely because they were cited in the corresponding PCT Application International Search Report.

Copies of the references together with a listing on form PTO 1449 are submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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